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Please be advised that I have read most of the legal documents concerning the Microsoft settlement and am of the opinion that the settlement is fair and just.

It seems to me, that as indicated in the Microsoft brief, much of the opposition to the settlement comes from companies that have selfish motives.

Having Microsoft reveal as much as the opponents request would be similar to the government ordering Coco Cola to reveal its recipe to all of the competitors on the street.

We even see our elected official taking the part of companies that are located in their political district.

Despite what may be claimed, can anyone really say that telephone service is better or cheaper for the consumer since the inception of all of the smaller companies since the court ordered breakup ?

In addition, and one only has to look at the Market history to come to an obvious conclusion, as Microsoft goes so goes the market. Many company pension plans are suffering severe loss in value as a result of the drop in Microsoft stock and the effect it has on other investments

That may not be of great importance to some, but it is to me since I am retired and cannot vote myself a larger pension and increased health benefits as our elected officials do.

Again, I am in total support of the settlement agreed to by the Government and Microsoft.